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1. The city of Oryakhovo is an important economic and administrative center for Central Bulgaria. From its port, grain, livestock, and agricultural produce from the surrounding region are shipped to the USSR.
2. The Communist Party in the city is rather weak from the standpoint of organization and discipline. Most of the citizens of Oryakhovo formerly belonged to the Bulgarian Agricultural Union.
3. The president of the soviet is Tosko Mitov, who has been accused of inactivity, but who nevertheless manages to harass and persecute non-Communists. Recently a new chairman was installed, named Toshin Ivanov, who is a close friend of the Communist Georgi Yanakiev, former counselor in the city administration. The latter has evicted many civilians from their homes, to house Communists or policemen. The police force has recently been doubled, and it is well armed.
4. Many employees sleep in the very offices where they work. Office employees are literally starving. Georgi Yanakiev, on the other hand, has requisitioned two houses for his personal use.
5. Yanakiev's assistant, who scarcely ever leaves his side, is Boris Yosif. Advisors to Yanakiev regarding methods of terrorizing the citizenry are: Dr. Kraev, Nikola, Troyanov, and other Party members and helpers of the State Security in the city of Pleven.
6. Other collaborators of the State Security in the city of Oryakhovo, who are also Party members in their particular villages, are:

Ivan Todorov, president of the soviet in the village of Manastirishte  
(Oryakhovo)

Petur Litov, Party secretary in the village of Galiche, (Oryakhovo). He  
is chief of the village combat group. The firearms of that organization  
are kept in his house.

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Nikolo Marinov, president of the soviet in the village of Glozhen (Oryakhovo).

Georgitsov, Party secretary in the village of Dolni Voden, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Ivan Kolaraki, Party secretary in the village of Khairaddin, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Dimitur Tushov, president of the village soviet in Krushovitsa, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Tsolov, president of the soviet in the village of Bregare, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Aleksandrov, Party secretary in the village of Burrina, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Todorchev, president of the village soviet in Sofronievo, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Nachev, president of the soviet village of Ostrovo, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Kostadin Iliev, secretary of the Party in the village of Kostalitsa, Oryakhovo Okoliya. The combat group stores its arms at his house. He is its chief, responsible to the Party for his own village and three others.

Puryanov, Party secretary in the village of Manastirishte, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

Tanya Teneva, Party secretary in the village of Chukurovo, Oryakhovo Okoliya. A fanatic Communist.

Marin Istovski, Party secretary in the village of Selanovtsi, Oryakhovo Okoliya.

7. The grain storehouses, which are located right at the port at the place where the customs house was previously located, as well as the storehouse at the barracks of the 34th Oryakhovo regiment, were full as of November 1950. Recently they have begun to load the grain on to Bulgarian vessels. Although they say that the shipments are destined for Dobrudja, everyone knows that they are actually going to the USSR.
8. The millers in Oryakhovo, just as those in Chervan Bryag, Lukovit Okoliya, make flour from various mixtures. The bread from it is bitter, hard, and cannot be considered food. The Trade and Food (Turgoviya i Prodovolstvie) Service refuses to do anything about it. Analyses have been made. However, the police arrest those who complain about the inferior quality of the bread, and they are sent to do forced labor or to serve prison terms, under the accusation of being "kulaks". There are days when there is a scarcity of bread in the city, although it is an agricultural center, and the population must use coupons to buy food. The Government hardly leaves enough grain to the farmers for seed. On New Year's Day, all the bakeries were without bread. The peasants go to the city for bread and wait in line to buy it at the uncontrolled prices, which are very high.
9. The flour from the mills is distributed in open bags. There is no control or inspection. Everything is corruption and the black market, which is operated chiefly by Communists. Therefore, it is a very dangerous affair for non-Party members.

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10. The members of the police and their families are the ones who are fed and clothed best. They receive food supplies in the stores of the KHOREMAG, especially intended for them and for secret civilian agents. They do not buy at uncontrolled prices, which are five times as high as those which they must pay. In addition, they receive ration cards.
11. The 34th Infantry Regiment is stationed in the city. The soldiers' food is good, and so is their clothing. Their equipment and munitions are new.
12. During the months of November and December 1950 new recruits joined the regiment. In the city there are Soviet families who have been there for some time. Recently young Russians have been coming from Rumania, who stay for a certain time and disappear. What their duties are and where they go, no one knows or dares ask them.
13. Previously border troops along the Rumanian border in the Oryakhovo region were not very careful and paid scarcely any attention to their tasks. At the present, however, their vigilance is thorough. In addition, the Party groups make a solemn pledge that they will personally watch the borders for spies sent by "capitalistic and imperialist countries" into Bulgaria. Therefore, the combat groups patrol the borders with motorcycles during the night as well as during the day. Every unknown person going from one village to another must appear at the police station or at the village soviet, so that he may prove his identity and explain his purpose in traveling.
14. Secret agents are also infiltrated, in the guise of opponents of or malcontents with the regime, to talk with people and find out how they think. Therefore, during recent times the number of arrests has increased.
15. The Communists are also very suspicious towards one another. All of them listen to the Voice of America. They are preparing for another war.

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